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Subject: Road Maintenance, Reclamation Cost Estimate Review, and Permit Fees; Western Clay Company; Last Chance Bentonite Mine; M/015/061; Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Boyter:

In a letter dated July 6, 2016, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining directed Western Clay to do road maintenance and either increase the reclamation surety or reclaim a portion of the Last Chance mine by August 31, 2016. The Division has been informed that Western Clay now intends to reclaim the mine.

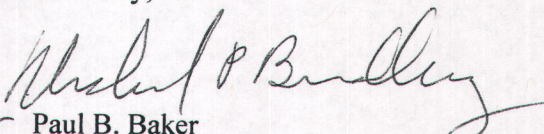
Please notify the Division in writing of your intentions to reclaim the mine and provide a realistic reclamation schedule. The Division will forego requiring additional surety through December 31, 2016, and will not require additional surety if the site is graded and seeded by that date.

The July 6, 2016, directive required maintenance of a road culvert. Either the maintenance or culvert removal should be completed as the site is being reclaimed.

Annual permit fees will not be required once the site is graded and seeded.

Please contact me at 801 538-5261 or Wayne Western at 801-538-5263 if you have questions concerning these requirements.

Sincerely,


for Paul B. Baker
Mining Program Manager

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